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Dear Sir.,

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we enclose a copy of the search report issued by the European Patent Office together with copies of any documents referred to.

If the application is to be proceeded with, the fee for examination must be paid within six months after mention of publication of the search report in the European Patent Bulletin. Such publication will not take place before 13th December 1978. We will notify you of the actual date in due course. Publication can only be prevented by withdrawing the application before preparations for publication are complete. If you wish to withdraw the application to avoid publication we shall need your instructions at once.

It is possible to amend the application, e.g. by filing new claims, and it is recommended that any amendment thought necessary, for example in view of the cited references, should be filed at once since they will only be published with the application if they are filed before preparations for publication are complete.

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Yours faithfully,

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The single cited reference is the paper by Haglid in Acta Chemica Scandinavica, vol. 21 with which you are already familiar. It is cited only against claims 1 and 14, which are the broadest compound and insecticide claims. Presumably we should reconsider carefully whether there is any anticipation in this paper or whether it is simply a question of obviousness which we believe can be argued in our favour. In the latter case no amendment seems to be called for.

Together with the search report the Search Division has approved the present title but drafted an expanded abstract, a copy of which is enclosed. There does not seem to be any provision for objecting to the revised abstract, but you should let us know if you find any error and we will then get in touch with the Patent Office.

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